GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3556
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VIRAL ENCEPHALITIS IN U.P.
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao;Singh Shri Chandra Bhushan

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sent a team of experts to western Uttar Pradesh following reports of death of children therewith symptoms of viral encephalitis ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the said expert team had submitted any report on the death of children there;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e): On the request of the State Govt. of Uttar Pradesh a multi-disciplinary Central Team comprising experts from Central Govt. Hospital, National Institute of Communicable Diseases, National Vector Borne Diseases Control Program, National Institute of Virology (Indian Council of Medical Research) investigated the reported death of children in Saharanpur and Baghpat districts.

As per the report, clinical, epidemiological, entomological and serological investigations suggest that the outbreaks were due to acute viral encephalitis.